

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims in the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-3, drawn to a method of determining the amount of coal tar that can either enter into or be displaced from a type of soil, classified in class 436, subclass 25.
- II. Claims 4-5, drawn to a container for holding a soil sample under pressure, classified in class 422, subclass 99.

Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 1-3 without traverse. Applicants have added new claims 6-18. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 6-18 are properly classified within Group I. Support for new claims 6-18 can be found specifically at paragraphs [0019], [0025], [0027]-[0029], [0033]-[0035], and [0041]-[0045] as well as elsewhere in the specification and original claims as filed.

CONCLUSION

With the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that claims are ready for examination. A favorable Office Action is earnestly solicited.

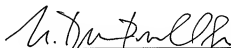
Applicants believe that no additional fee, other than the petition for an extension of time, is necessary; however, should a fee be deemed to be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this action or any future action to Deposit Account No. 16-1435.

Should the Examiner have any questions relating to the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the N. Dean Powell, Jr. at (336) 607-7347 or Bret T. Winterle at (336)-607-7405 to discuss any matter relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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